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Sir:

Further to the Communication dated December 22, 2006 requesting a personal interview with the Primary and Supervisory Examiners for the above-identified application, the undersigned attorney still awaits to hear from the Examiners as to whether his request for a personal interview is granted.

On December 22, 2006, the undersigned attorney submitted a Communication and an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form (PTOL-413A) to request a personal interview with the Primary Examiner, Michael Safavi, and the Supervisory Examiner, Patricia Engle, which was tentatively proposed for January 17, 2007 at 2:00 PM. However, to date, the undersigned attorney has not heard from the Examiners as to whether this request for a personal interview on January 17, 2007 is granted. The undersigned attorney's attempt to reach the Primary and Supervisory Examiners over

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telephone on January 16, 2007 failed, and in fact, the voice mail machine of the Supervisory Examiner, Patricia Engle, indicated that she will not be returning to the office until January 22, 2007. Accordingly, the undersigned attorney presumes that a personal interview with Examiners Safavi and Engle on January 17, 2007 as requested by the undersigned on December 22, 2006 will not be going forward at the proposed time, and has transmitted voice mails indicating the same to the both Examiners.

In any event, Applicant respectfully requests again a personal interview with the Primary and Supervisory Examiners to discuss the final rejection in the above-identified application, especially in view of the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed by the applicant on December 22, 2006 along with a Notice of Appeal. The Examiners are invited to call the undersigned attorney at any convenient time to propose the time and date for the personal interview.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Communication. However, should any fees be required, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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